

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 955

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Judy Duncan upon being named the Lewis County Intermediate School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Judy Duncan is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Duncan has recently been selected Teacher of the Year for Lewis County at the intermediate school level, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as an educator, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Judy Duncan is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Judy Duncan earned her Associate of Science degree from Columbia State in 2000 and graduated with *cum laude* honors and a Bachelor of Science degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 2002; and

WHEREAS, a truly capable educator, Ms. Duncan has skillfully taught school for nine years in Lewis County where she began her career as an interim teacher. She has taught third and fourth grades and is presently teaching fifth grade; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her profession, Judy Duncan has served as a lead teacher and a member of the SACS accreditation committee at her school, a Component Chair for its Tennessee School Improvement Plan, and mentor for new teachers, in addition to service on the textbook adoption committee and as an afterschool tutor; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, she is a thirty-five year member of First United Pentecostal Church and taught Sunday school for seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, Judy Duncan truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Duncan epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Judy Duncan on her selection as the Intermediate School Teacher of the Year for Lewis County, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.